GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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INCLUSION OF TRIBALS IN ST LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the tribals from the main land of the country and settled in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have not been included in the Scheduled Tribe list and they are not receiving the benefits due to them;

(b) if so, the names of such tribes and action taken to include them under Scheduled Tribe list;

(c) the names of aboriginal of Andaman and Nicobar Island and whether they have been enumerated in the last census of 2001;

(d) if so, number of each of the aboriginal and the names of the aboriginals which have not yet been brought into the life and culture of the mainstream; and

(e) the programmes both under Government and NGO level have been chalked out to bring these aboriginals to mainstream?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) As per provision under Article 342 of the Constitution, list of Scheduled Tribes have been notified for Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This list however does not include communities like Oraon, Munda, Kharia, Dhanaka, etc, which are listed as Scheduled Tribe in other States of the main land, as the Union Territory Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has not recommended any such proposal.

Andamanese, Jarawa, Onge, Sentinelese, Shom Pen communities have beenidentified as primitive tribal groups for their special development. These communities have been enumerated during 2001 census. However, the Registrar General of India has not yet released 2001 census data. Various Programmes/Schemes are being implemented by the Union Territory Administration and NGOs under the sectors of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, education, health, cottage and small scale industries under the strategy of tribal sub plan to bring the Scheduled Tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to the level of other sections.